

Funding to make major impact on struggling veterans as they reintegrate back into Palm Beach County

(WEST PALM BEACH, FL)--- Join members of the veterans community, Representative Allen West (R-FL), Faith*Hope*Love*Charity representatives and the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs, as they announce the impact a new \$960,000 federal grant will have on Palm Beach County veterans.

More than 20,000 veterans in Palm Beach County live below the poverty level. Faith*Hope*Love*Charity serves more than 600 cases a year of veterans who need help. The grant, which came as a surprise to this tiny charity, will have a major impact on establishing temporary housing and providing resources to get veterans back to work. Struggling veterans will be at the event to talk with reporters and share their personal experiences of trying to integrate back into Palm Beach County after serving their country.

Faith*Hope*Love*Charity

Friday, August 24th

11:00 am

3175 South Congress Avenue

Suite 310

Palm Springs, FL 33461

"Our veterans in Palm Beach County now have hope, and not just a temporary band-aid solution, but the resources to provide, real, permanent solutions," West said. "As a 22- year Army Veteran, I am thrilled to know my brothers and sisters in arms will receive the resources they deserve for putting their lives on the line for their country."

"This money will give us what we need to expand our services. Not only will we be able to provide more permanent housing and rehabilitation, but we will be able to open offices and provide support to our veterans in Belle Glade, and through Jupiter," said FHLC Director Roy Foster. "We thank Congressman West and the rest of the community for their continued support of our veterans."

BACKGROUND: Faith*Hope*Love*Charity's (FHLC) mission is to reintegrate veterans and their families back into the community so they are able to sustain independent living. FHLC works in conjunction with the Palm Beach County Veterans Administration Medical Center and the Department of Veterans Affairs to serve veterans with PTSD, physical disabilities, and traumatic brain injury. FHLC focuses on finding veterans permanent housing and employment.

FHLC Palm Beach County facilities:

Stand Down House- serves homeless male veterans, many struggling with PTSD and traumatic brain injuries.

First Stop Housing Program- provides short-term housing and supportive services to reintegrate female veterans and their families back into the community.

First Stop Veterans Resource Center- provides services to at-risk veterans, including assistance in navigating VA system, medical benefits, employment, counseling, support groups, permanent housing and educational benefits.

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